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Invention: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PACKAGING ELONGATE SURGICAL DEVICES

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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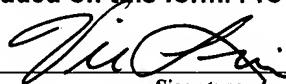
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Patent Application No.: 10/614,546

Date Filed: July 3, 2003

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
PACKAGING ELONGATE
SURGICAL DEVICES

Examiner: Fidei, David

Art Group: 3728

**RESPONSE TO APRIL 14, 2005 OFFICE ACTION,
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 14, 2005, please enter the following election and amendments, and consider the following remarks. Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time. Enclosed please find the appropriate fee for the extension request.

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Election begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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Election

Applicant hereby elects without traverse to prosecute Invention I, Claims 1-8, drawn to a package. Applicant has added herein new claims also drawn to a package and respectfully requests that said claims be examined on the merits.

Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications.